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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAVING BEGINS ON ROUTE 29 NEAR LAKEPORT

Eureka - Caltrans announced today that an emergency paving project on Route 29 from just north of the junction of Route 29/175 in Lakeport to just south of Mockingbird Lane will begin Wednesday, July 21. The top layer of deteriorating asphalt will be removed and replaced with a layer of rubberized asphalt which includes ground up rubber from used automobile tires. This project will use 405 tons of recycled rubber, enough to keep the equivalent of 62,000 passenger car tires from ending up in landfills. Rubberized asphalt is more flexible than conventional asphalt, and has been shown to last longer. It is anticipated paving will be completed by August 13.

Work hours are 4AM to 4PM, weekdays. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction of travel. Motorists may experience minor traffic slowdowns. On Wednesday, July 21, the southbound offramp to 11th Street (Exit 103) will be closed from 9AM to 4PM. Beginning Monday, July 26, ramps at Lakeport Boulevard (Exit 102), 11th Street, Park Way (Exit 106), and Nice-Lucerne Cutoff Road (Exit 108) will be intermittently closed. No more than one onramp and offramp will be closed at a time.

For more information about rubberized asphalt visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/tires/RAC/

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